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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PARM, NATO, UR

SUBJECT: KHLESTOV ON MBFR

1. DURING A CALL ON KHLESTOV, HEAD OF MFA'S LEGAL AND TREATY DEPARTMENT, ON LAW OF THE SEA MATTERS, I DISCUSSED WITH HIM BRIEFLY THE PROSPECTS FOR THE UPCOMING ROUND OF MBFR TALKS IN VIENNA. HE REAFFIRMED SOVIET INTEREST IN A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT, AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE POLITBURO DECREE APPROVING THE CSCE DOCUMENT HAD REPEATED BREZHNEV'S STATEMENT THAT SUCCESS IN THE TALKS IS NOW A FIRST PRIORITY FOR SOVIET DIPLOMACY. HE MADE NO DIRECT REFERENCE TO  
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NUCLEAR ISSUES. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD READ WITH

INTEREST FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN'S SPEECH IN  
PARLIAMENT ON AUGUST 6, WHICH, HE CONTENTED, EXPRESSED AGREEMENT  
WITH THE SOVIET POSITION THAT REDUCTIONS SHOULD INCLUDE SOME-  
THING OTHER THAN JUST GROUND FORCES.

2. THE ONLY ISSUE WHICH HE ADDRESSED IN ANY DETAIL DURING OUR  
DISCUSSION ON MBFR WAS FORCE DEFINITION. HE EXPLAINED THE  
SOVIET POSITION AS IT HAS BEEN PUT FORWARD IN VIENNA. THE  
SCENARIO HE USED TO SUPPORT HIS EXPLANATION WAS ONE IN WHICH  
THE FRG MIGHT GET AWAY WITH NOT HAVING TO REDUCE ROCKET FORCE  
UNLESS THE SOVIET FORCE DEFINITION IS USED, SINCE THE FRG  
ROCKET FORCES ARE IN THE AIR FORCE WHILE THE U.S. AND USSR  
ROCKET FORCES ARE CONSIDERED GROUND FORCES. HE SAID THAT HIS  
"WESTERN COLLEAGUES" THOUGHT THE SOVIET APPROACH WAS A "GOOD  
IDEA," BUT COMPLAINED THAT NO ONE HAS TAKEN THE  
INITIATIVE TO ACCEPT IT.  
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